

# Model Size and Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer Performance in Vision-Language Models on COCO Benchmarks

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## Abstract

This paper studies zero-shot cross-lingual transfer of vision-language models. Specifically, we focus on multilingual text-to-video search and propose a Transformer-based model that learns contextualized multilingual multimodal embeddings. Under a zero-shot setting, we empirically demonstrate that performance degrades significantly when we query the multilingual text-video model with non-English sentences. To address this problem, we introduce a multilingual multimodal pre-training strategy, and collect a new multilingual instructional video dataset (MultiHowTo100M) for pre-training. Experiments

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Multilingual Multimodal Pre-training for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer of Vision-Language Models. Research question: What is the trade-off between model size and zero-shot cross-lingual transfer performance in vision-language models when evaluated on COCO benchmarks using mAP, and how does this scale with the number of languages used during pre-training (e.g., 5 vs. 50)?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 11 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.5/10.

## 3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 17 claims extracted; 15 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.5/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.



## 5 Extracted Claims

| Claim                                                                                                                                                      | Verified | Confidence |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| The proposed method significantly improves video search in non-English languages without additional annotations.                                           | ✓        | 0.35       |
| The proposed method outperforms recent baselines by a large margin in multilingual text-to-video search on VTT and VATEX                                   | ✓        | 0.42       |
| The model and Multi-HowTo100M dataset are available at <a href="http://github.com/berniebear/Multi-HT100M">http://github.com/berniebear/Multi-HT100M</a> . | ✓        | 0.30       |
| The Multilingual-HowTo100M dataset extends the English HowTo100M dataset to contain subtitles in 9 languages for 1.2 mil                                   | ✓        | 0.23       |
| Pre-training on multilingual text-video data enhances search by exploiting the visual data as an implicit 'pivot' at sca                                   | ✓        | 0.30       |
| The proposed method yields state-of-the-art English $\rightarrow$ video search performance on VTT and VATEX.                                               | ✓        | 0.21       |
| The proposed multilingual multimodal pre-training improves English-video pre-training by 2 $\sim$ 2.5 in average R@1 across 9                              | ✓        | 0.20       |
| When trained with in-domain multilingual annotations, the proposed method outperforms other baselines by a large margin                                    | ✓        | 0.28       |
| The proposed method achieves state-of-the-art multilingual text $\rightarrow$ video search in a supervised setup.                                          | ×        | 0.14       |
| Vision-language models have limited zero-shot cross-lingual transferrability compared to NLP models.                                                       | ✓        | 0.19       |
| The Multilingual-HowTo100M dataset is constructed for pre-training to improve zero-shot cross-lingual capability of visi                                   | ✓        | 0.16       |
| The proposed method uses a transformer-based video-text model that learns contextual multilingual multimodal representat                                   | ✓        | 0.17       |
| Early work on learning non-contextual cross-lingual representations used either parallel corpora or a bilingual dictiona                                   | ✓        | 0.21       |
| Zero-shot cross-lingual transfer involves applying models trained on a source language to a different language without a                                   | ✓        | 0.18       |
| Recent techniques for cross-lingual transfer demonstrate that models can generalize to a non-English language by perform                                   | ✓        | 0.24       |
| Many languages share a considerable amount of underlying vocabulary or structure, which contributes to the success of cr                                   | ✓        | 0.19       |
| Visual information is essential for cross-lingual transfer of vision language models                                                                       | ×        | 0.13       |

## References

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